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An inauguration ceremony of the 10 000 flats at the second stage in the Hwasong area, another monumental entity symbolizing the era of comprehensive national rejuvenation that came into being in accordance with the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Sixth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the WPK, was held with splendour on April 16.

The new large architectural group in the Hwasong area, which fully embodies the Party's idea on architectural aesthetics and successfully combines the Juche, national, modern and artistic characters, is a fruition of the noble loving care and a model edifice of socialist civilization, which has been created under the energetic guidance of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who unfolded a plan to build a world-class ideal city full of people's happiness and leads it to be completed at the highest level. The architectural group is demonstrating the inexhaustible potentiality of the development of our state and its bright future.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, attended the ceremony.

When he arrived at the venue of the ceremony amid the playing of welcome music, enthusiastic cheers broke out shaking heaven and earth.

All the participants paid the highest tribute to Kim Jong Un who is ushering in a comprehensive development of a prosperous socialist country where all the people's wishes are realized by uninterruptedly creating great epochal changes and unprecedentedly great events with his rare wisdom and outstanding leadership.

Present at the ceremony were Kim Tok Hun, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the WPK Central Committee and premier of the Cabinet, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, officials of the Cabinet, armed forces organs, ministries and national agencies, builders and working people in Pyongyang.

The national anthem of the DPRK was played.





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Ri Il Hwan, member of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, made an inaugural address.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un cut the inauguration tape.

An artistic performance was given to mark the inauguration of 10 000 flats at the second stage in the Hwasong area.

The area resounded with the songs sung by the people in praise of the great Workers' Party of Korea which is building a flower garden of all blessings on the basis of the idea of believing in the people as in Heaven while taking care of them in the sacred red flag.

A flying corps flew in the nocturnal sky over Rimhung Street, displaying fascinating fireworks, blessing the people who are enjoying happiness with nothing to envy under the care of the Party.

Fireworks were set off again decorating the nocturnal view of the new street amid the playing of the song "Don't Advance, Night of Pyongyang" in the beautiful night of the splendid street in the capital, full of noble emotion peculiar to our state and people.





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Kim Jong Un warmly wishes happiness to all the families who have received new flats in Rimhung Street in auspicious April.



When the performance was over, the venue of the ceremony turned into a sea of enthusiastic cheers again.

Kim Jong Un expressed great expectations and belief that the reliable builders of the capital who built more than 30 000 modern flats in a matter of three years would as ever successfully attain the next-stage goals of the five-year plan for the capital city construction advanced at the Eighth Party Congress with pure patriotism and loyalty and revolutionary mettle so as to turn Pyongyang into a world-class civilized city fit for the might of a powerful Korea in name and reality.

He warmly wished happiness to all the families who received new flats in Rimhung Street in auspicious April.

The owners of the new street and all other participants, who are deeply moved by the loving care of the motherly Party, extended deep gratitude to Kim Jong Un, who is working heart and soul, day and night, to provide the people with the highest civilization and the greatest wellbeing in the world.

Kim Jong Un Gives Field Guidance at Construction Site of Central Cadres Training School of WPK

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at the construction site of the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK nearing completion.

Accompanying him were secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK and officials of the units in charge of designing and building.

Kim Jong Un, who has clearly set forth the immortal guidelines and fighting strategies for strengthening the WPK with his outstanding ideological and theoretical wisdom and extraordinary leadership and led it to victory, stressed that it is an issue related to the long-term development of our Party for training its successors and furthermore an important issue directly linked to the succession of the revolution to spruce up the Central Cadres Training School of the WPK and train excellent Party officials. He personally chose the site for the construction of the school, and meticulously indicated the principal tasks concerning the designing while energetically guiding the work to turn the training school into a better university than others.

The training school with a total floor space of over 133 000 square metres will be equipped with advanced educational systems and have a high level of educational conditions and environment.

Going round various places of the construction site, Kim Jong Un learned in detail about the building work.

Seeing with a broad smile on his face the school which vividly showed its appearance and dignity as a prestigious educational institution, he said that a perfect Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist school, a Juche idea school, has been built up.

Expressing great satisfaction over the fact that the administration section, cultural and sports section, living section and all other sections have been built in a weighty, modern and practical way to suit the character, mission, function and purpose of a Party cadres training base, he highly appreciated the efforts of the officials and builders in the field of design and construction.

Pointing out some shortcomings and irrational factors revealed in the construction of the educational section, he indicated in detail the practical ways for eliminating them and gave instructions to dynamically accelerate the last-stage project for completing the school at the highest level.



Kim Jong Un Visits Kim Jong Il Military and Political Academy



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, gave field guidance at Kim Jong Il Military and Political Academy, the highest institute of military education in the DPRK, on April 10.

He was accompanied by Pak Jong Chon, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK and vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, Kang Sun Nam, minister of National Defence of the DPRK, Ri Yong Gil, chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army, Hwang Pyong So, general adviser to the Ministry of National Defence, and other major cadres of the WPK Central Committee.

Upon arrival at the academy, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un received a salute from its chancellor.

He gave a salute to the glorious military colours, the militant banner of victory, and reviewed the ranks of commanding officers, Party committee executive members and major leading teachers of the academy.

He waved his hand in response to the enthusiastic cheers of the teaching staff, extending his militant greetings to them who are making great contributions, which no others can do, to the WPK's great cause of building a powerful army.

Looking round the academy, he recollected with deep emotion the course of its proud development that left brilliant footprints along with the victorious history of the KPA.

The academy, which started its historic mission on March 7, 1973 under the far-reaching plan of President Kim Il Sung, has trained a great number of core commanding officers of the KPA for the past 50-odd years, true to the WPK's policy of effecting a revolution in





military education, thus making distinguished contributions to the unstained succession and strenuous advance of the Juche cause. It has made remarkable progress in all aspects, including education and scientific research, dynamically steering the Juche-oriented military education and the building of a powerful army as the institute that represents the military academies of the DPRK.

Kim Jong Un said that the mightiness and invincibility of the KPA, for which the country has firmly held the position of a world-class military power, would be unthinkable apart from this academy, the elite academy reputed for training highest-ranking military and political cadres, which has adorned its 50-odd-year history with glory and feats. It is a source of pride of our Party and state to have such a "pedigree farm" for training military and political activists, he added.

He saw the cadets at an operation and tactical lecture at the military lecture room and made the rounds of the rooms for teaching methods study and training to learn in detail about education.

He highly appreciated the academy for having achieved great encouraging successes in making its teaching Party policy-oriented, practical and modern by improving the educational programme and contents, actively applying advantageous and fresh forms and methods to teaching in reflection of the principles of Juche-oriented military science and the ever-changing aspects of modern warfare and introducing various equipment and means while thoroughly adhering to the WPK's overall principle of revolution in military education.

Then he went round bedroom and mess hall, taking care of the living of the cadets with paternal affection.

Learning about whether the living condition is convenient and how heating is provided at the bedroom, he said that the Party would organize the renovation and modernization work to create better educational environment and living conditions so that the cadets can devote themselves to studying without experiencing any inconvenience.

He went to the mess room to acquaint himself with the supply service for the cadets and made sure that various dishes he personally brought were put on teachers and cadets' dinner tables.

At the operation study room, he learned about the study of the enemy's major operation and action plans and their forces, and about the operation plans of services and corps worked out by teachers and cadets before indicating the important principled issues to be adhered to and applied in modern operation.

The WPK, which is pushing forward with the building of a world's strongest army as a goal, gives priority to the training of military talents in adding glory to the noble name and dignity of the KPA as an invincible heroic army and attaches special importance to the work of this academy, the parent base for training the highest-ranking military and political officers of the KPA, he said, indicating important tasks to be fulfilled by the academy.

He said that the academy is a great asset of the KPA just like Kim Il Sung Military University and an important strategic base for the successful building of a powerful army and the future of the Korean revolution.

It is an immutable law of war victory to neutralize the numerical and military and technical superiority of the enemy by means of superiority in ideology and war methods, he said, calling for making it a revolutionary spirit and the primary ethics of the academy to remain absolutely loyal and obedient to the leadership of the Party Central Committee and conducting energetic and effective organizational and political work to perfectly embody the Party's military ideas and policy in the training of military talents, military science development and overall management of the academy.







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Outlining the complicated international situation being seriously aggravated due to ever-escalating violence and armed conflicts and the insecure and unstable military and political situation around the DPRK, he said that now is the time to be more thoroughly prepared for a war than ever before and that the DPRK should be more firmly and perfectly prepared for a war, which should be won without fail, not just for a possible war.

Expressing expectation and belief that the academy, which trains brave officers of the revolutionary army of the Party, would remain boundlessly faithful to its mission and duty as the “pedigree farm” for training the best military talents, consolidating the core position of the armed forces of the DPRK as firm as rock by creditably carrying forward its glorious traditions, he had a photo session with the teaching staff and cadets.











Kim Jong Un Pays Congratulatory Visit to Kim Il Sung Military University

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Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, paid a congratulatory visit to Kim Il Sung Military University, the highest institute of military education in the DPRK, on April 25, the 92nd founding anniversary of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army.

Kim Jong Un made a speech during his congratulatory visit to the university.

He went round the revolutionary museum and the room dedicated to the history of the university.

After seeing a class at work in a lecture room and a seminar in a room for studying educational methods, guided by senior officials of the university, he learned in detail in the combined teaching control room about the updating of education and expressed





Speech Kim Jong Un Made During Congratulatory Visit to Kim Il Sung Military University

Teachers, researchers and students of Kim Il Sung Military University,

Comrades,

On the significant anniversary of the birth of the first armed forces of Korea, I have visited Kim Il Sung Military University, the “eldest son” institution of military education in the country and a reliable “pedigree” institution for training core cadres of our army. I am very glad and moved to meet you comrades.

Today, we are significantly celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the Korean People’s Revolutionary Army and are looking back upon the profound meaning of its founding with due respect. When its founding was the beginning of the prominent and sacred history of our army, the founding of Kim Il Sung Military University and the history of its development are a proud course that laid an ever-victorious cornerstone for the army’s vigorous advance.

Thanks to the core role played by competent military personnel, our revolutionary armed forces have followed only the road of victory for over 90 years, and Kim Il Sung Military University has stood in the vanguard of the efforts for achieving those brilliant exploits.

There is no other military academy or comprehensive military educational and scientific base in the world than this university, which was founded in the days of a fierce war and has made distinguished contributions to the strengthening of the military capability and to the revolutionary cause, maintaining its traditions and history as the combat ranks most faithful to the Party.

Numerous military commanders, “sturdy sons” born of this university, are now defending all fronts and posts firmly in various parts of the country and adding dignity and honour to the exploits of legendary victories performed by the Korean People’s Army. This fact alone is enough for praising the name of the university forever.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Party and the government of the Republic, I highly appreciate and express sincere thanks to all the teachers, researchers and officials of Kim Il Sung Military University, who have firmly guaranteed the mightiness and invincibility of the heroic Korean People’s Army and have remained boundlessly faithful to the Party’s ideas and leadership from one century into the next and from one generation into the next with their matchless patriotic devotion and outstanding educational and scientific achievements.

Comrades,

A powerful army represents the pillar and future of a powerful country, and the existence and prosperity of a state depend entirely on the strength of its military capability.

Just as a house does not collapse when its pillars are strong, so our powerful People’s Army and military capability can be prepared only when the forces that constitute the hard core of the army are firmly prepared.

In view of the sacred mission of defending the country’s sovereignty and ensuring peace and security that our army has shouldered and the high sense of responsibility for the future of the country and revolution that our army should shape in the vanguard, it is the main duty of Kim Il Sung Military University to train a larger number of military talents fully prepared for modern warfare and reliable military commanders of the army of the Party.

The more faithful the university is to its sacred duty, the greater our army’s militant might will grow in every way and, in direct proportion to this, the greater the enemy’s uneasiness and fear will become.

As long as this military university, the cradle for growing our army and the base for guaranteeing victory of our army, remains firm as a university absolutely loyal to the Party, as a base of a revolution in war tactics that would decide the destiny of a revolutionary war and as a base for training military talents, the wheel of history following the victorious road will never turn back.

Comrades,

The first generation of our armed forces recorded sacred ideals and the truth of invincibility in the sacred red flag. Our generation has shouldered an extraordinary mission to bring into bolder relief the ideals and truth in our era and in the history facing us with a great victory in war.

At this time, when we feel keenly once again the sacred duty of our army before the times and the revolution, together with the profound historic meaning of the founding of the KPRA, I ardently appeal to all the teachers, researchers and students present here on the significant occasion.

For our beloved state and for the far-reaching plan of our army, which will demonstrate its strongest might in the world for ever, let us faithfully serve with a steadfast revolutionary spirit, with a transformation in military education and with a passion for studying.

Glory to the bright future of the university!







great satisfaction over the educational achievements made by the university.

He set forth important tasks and ways for putting the educational work of the university to a new high, stressing the need to train all students to be intelligent and brave all-round commanding officers possessed of absolute loyalty to the Party and the revolution and high military qualifications by consistently holding fast to and thoroughly implementing the Party's four-point line on building a powerful army and the Party's policy on putting the military educational contents on an actual fighting, comprehensive and modern basis.

He had a photo session with the teaching staff and students in commemoration of his visit to the university.

Then Kim Jong Un watched a football match between the teams of Kim Il Sung Military University and Kim Il Sung University of Politics held on the occasion of the founding anniversary of the KPRA.

That evening the Ministry of National Defence of the DPRK hosted a reception in congratulation of the teaching staff of Kim Il Sung Military University greeting the holiday.









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DPRK MISSILE ADMINISTRATION SUCCEEDS IN TEST FIRE OF New-type Intermediate-range Hypersonic Missile

A test fire of new-type intermediate-range hypersonic missile of another military strategic value was successfully conducted in the great heyday of development of the Juche-oriented defence industry that witnesses powerful absolute weaponry of Korean style being developed in succession thanks to the devoted efforts of defence scientists upholding with their steadfast faith and correct practice the plan and decision of the Workers' Party of Korea to bolster up the national defence capability in every way at the highest level.







Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guides the first test fire of Hwasongpho-16-Na, a new-type intermediate-range solid-fueled ballistic missile loaded with newly-developed hypersonic gliding warhead, on April 2.

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The test fire was aimed at confirming the designed technical specifications of the new-type intermediate-range hypersonic missile as a whole and verifying the reliability of this weapon system.

Kim Jong Un went to the launching position and looked round the new-type intermediate-range solid-fueled ballistic missile Hwasongpho-16-Na loaded with a hypersonic gliding vehicle to learn in detail about the weapon system.

Then, he mounted the command observation post and received a report on the plan for test fire of the missile and issued an order to launch it.

General Jang Chang Ha, general director of the DPRK Missile Administration, guided the test fire.

The test fire had no negative impact on the security of the neighbouring countries.

Expressing great satisfaction over the result of the test fire, Kim Jong Un highly appreciated the feats of the officials, scientists and technicians in the field of defence science who carried out the order given by the Party most excellently, truthfully and perfectly by turning out with their do-or-die determination in the drive for developing the Juche-based weaponry to implement the strategic plan of the Party Central Committee and fully displaying their intense loyalty and patriotism.

He said with pride that another powerful strategic offensive weapon was developed to demonstrate the absolute advantage of our defence science and technology and thus we came to successfully implement the Party Central Committee's three principles of building missile armed force for rapidly, accurately and powerfully striking any



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Noting that the current epoch-making success serves as a special event in which a great change will be brought about in enhancing the nuclear war deterrent of the armed forces of our Republic, he stressed that it is a precious fruition born of our arduous defence science research spanning nearly ten years, a demonstration of the validity of the WPK's line of building the military capability for self-defence and a worthwhile victory won by our strength, wisdom and efforts.

Gravely referring to the military confrontational acts against the DPRK by the enemies who have recently run higher fever in boosting their military alliance and staging all sorts of war drills, thus threatening the security of our state day after day, he said that it is the most urgent task at present for our state to develop an overwhelming power capable of containing and controlling the enemies and that our defence science sector should continuously bring bigger successes, remaining more faithful to its historic duty to steadily improve the strongest national defence capacity.

He affirmed that the WPK will reliably defend the peace, prosperity and future of the country by steadily, rapidly and more thoroughly bolstering up the military capability for self-defence.

He set forth the strategic tasks for making a continued leap forward and innovations in the development of ultra-modern weapons by more signally strengthening the self-supporting and modern character of the Juche-oriented military industry.



The hypersonic gliding vehicle reached its first peak at the height of 101.1km and the second peak at the height of 72.3km while making 1 000-km-long flight as scheduled, and accurately landed on the waters of the East Sea of Korea.











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Kim Jong Un Guides Combined Tactical Drill Simulating Nuclear Counterattack



A drill to operate super-large multiple rocket units that are to play an important role in substantially strengthening the prompt counterattack capacity of the state nuclear forces and raising a war deterrent under the state's nuclear weapon combined management system "Nuclear Trigger" conducted for the first time



Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, guided a combined tactical drill simulating a nuclear counterattack involving super-large multiple rocket artillerymen.

The drill was conducted, divided into an actual drill for making units be versed in the procedure and process of switching over to a nuclear counterattack posture at a time when the "Volcano Alarm" system, the state's greatest nuclear crisis alarm, is issued and a drill for operating the nuclear counterattack commanding system. It was also conducted according to the order of making the sub-units assigned to the nuclear counterattack task be practiced in the process and order and of carrying out their tasks and firing shells of super-large multiple rocket launchers tipped with simulated nuclear warheads.

Expressing great satisfaction over the result of the drill, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un appreciated the high and accurate hit of the super-large multiple rocket launchers, saying that it seemed that he had seen the firing of a sniper's rifle and that the Korean-style tactical nuclear strike means boasting of the formidable might, the most powerful in the world, have strictly prepared themselves to be faithfully mobilized in carrying out their important strategic task in contingency in a rapid and consistent counterattack posture.







He appreciated with satisfaction that the combined tactical drill simulating a nuclear counterattack involving even artillerymen of super-large multiple rocket launchers was successfully conducted and, thereby, the plan of the Party Central Committee for building up the nuclear forces to expand the operational space of tactical nuclear attack and diversifying it has been translated into reality.

Stressing the need to continuously complete tactics and operation in the orientation of steadily enhancing a pivotal role of the nuclear forces in all strategic aspects of deterring and fighting a war and to perfect the regular combat readiness of the nuclear forces, he clarified the principled matters to be taken as a guideline in the struggle for strengthening the strategic nuclear forces of the country.

He said that through the combined tactical drill, the might and effect of our nuclear combat forces involving even super-large multiple rocket launchers have remarkably increased and all sub-units are full of great confidence and the drill served as an important occasion in thoroughly preparing our nuclear forces to be able to rapidly and correctly carry out their important mission of deterring a war and taking the initiative in a war at any time and in any sudden situation.







Kim Jong Un Oversees Evaluation Test Fire of 240mm Shell of Multiple Rocket Launcher Produced at Newly Established National Defence Industrial Enterprise





Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, saw the evaluation test fire of 240mm shell of multiple rocket launcher produced at a newly established national defence industrial enterprise under the Second Economy Commission on April 25.

Through the test fire, the flight features, hit and concentration indices of the shell were evaluated very satisfactorily.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un stressed the need for the relevant enterprise to carry out the munitions production plan for this year without fail and in a qualitative way.

He affirmed that the 240mm multiple rocket launcher system with new technology would bring about a strategic change in bolstering up the artillery force of the Korean People's Army.

Pak Jong Chon and Jo Chun Ryong, secretaries of the Central Committee of the WPK, Kim Jong Sik, vice department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Ko Pyong Hyon, chairman of the Second Economy Commission, guided the test.

Kim Jong Un Receives Party and Government Delegation of People's Republic of China





Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on April 13 received the Party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China headed by Zhao Leji, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, on an official goodwill visit to the DPRK to commemorate the Year of DPRK-China Friendship.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un warmly greeted the members of the Chinese delegation at the headquarters building of the Central Committee of the WPK, heartily welcomed their visit to the DPRK and had a photo taken with them.

He had a friendly and constructive talk with the members of the delegation.

At the meeting Zhao Leji courteously conveyed the warm greetings from Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Central Committee of the CPC and president of the PRC, to Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Un expressed thanks for this and asked Zhao Leji to convey his best wishes to the respected Comrade Xi Jinping.

He said that the current visit to Pyongyang by the Chinese Party and government delegation, which followed the proclamation of this significant year marking the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and China as the Year of DPRK-China Friendship, is of very weighty significance in demonstrating the invincibility of the DPRK-China friendship and further developing the traditional friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries as required by the times. Highly appreciating that the event for making public the important beginning of the important year was conspicuous, successful and glorious with the participation of a high-ranking delegation and a large-scale art troupe of China, he extended sincere thanks to General Secretary







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Xi Jinping and the Chinese Party and government for their great sincerity to make sure that a good occasion has been marked with splendour once again.

Saying in an excited tone that he personally felt during his stay in Pyongyang the special care by Kim Jong Un, cordial hospitality by the Party and the government of the DPRK and its people's profound friendly feelings, Zhao Leji expressed his heartfelt deep thanks to Kim Jong Un for attaching utmost importance and paying deep attention to the delegation so that it could achieve the greatest success during the visit.

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He affirmed that it is his consistent stand and the invariable and steadfast policy of the WPK and the government of the DPRK to develop the long-standing DPRK-China friendship decade after decade and century after century, expressing his expectation that the common will of the two parties and the two countries to dynamically promote the socialist cause and provide their peoples with substantial well-being by steadily carrying forward and developing these durable traditions of friendship would lead to responsible progress and successful fruition of the Year of DPRK-China Friendship.

Offering sincere congratulations to the Chinese Party, government and people for registering remarkable successes in the struggle for implementing the tasks set forth at the 20th Congress of the CPC, he expressed his hope that the fraternal Chinese people would make a more brilliant step forward in carrying out the historic task for building a modern and powerful socialist country in this year marking the 75th founding anniversary of the PRC under the guidance of General Secretary Xi Jinping.

The talk proceeded in a kindly, sincere and comradely atmosphere.

On the same day Kim Jong Un hosted a luncheon for the Party and government delegation of the PRC.

Present there were Jo Yong Won, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau and secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Ri Il Hwan, secretary of the Central Committee of the WPK, Choe Son Hui, minister of Foreign Affairs, Kim Song Nam, department director of the Central Committee of the WPK, and Kim Yo Jong, deputy department director of the Central Committee of the WPK.

At the luncheon, Kim Jong Un proposed a toast to the eternal development of socialism in the two countries, longevity and good health of General Secretary Xi Jinping and the successful DPRK visit of the Party and government delegation of the PRC led by Zhao Leji.

Kim Jong Un had pleasant chats with Zhao Leji and other members of the delegation in a harmonious and friendly atmosphere, further deepening friendship.

The luncheon proceeded in a harmonious and warm atmosphere.

After the luncheon was over, Kim Jong Un warmly saw off the members of the delegation.



Kim Jong Un Enjoys Special Concert Given by Central National Band of China

The Central National Band of China that took part in the opening ceremony of the Year of DPRK-China Friendship held in Pyongyang, which added another brilliant page to the history of the DPRK-China friendly relations, gave a special concert at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on April 13.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, enjoyed the concert in the evening.

Put on the stage were colourful numbers depicting the struggle and patriotic spirit of the Chinese people who are pushing forward with the building of a modern socialist country with Chinese characteristics and the cause of national prosperity, including national orchestral music "National Traits," vocal and instrumental music "We Will Never Lose Our Original Intention" and national orchestral music and chorus "My Motherland."

Mesmerizing the audience were original tone colours and playing skills displayed by performers in instrumental music "Butterfly Lovers" showing the traditional culture of the Chinese nation and pipha concerto "Sky-rocketing Happiness."

The audience loudly applauded the performers who impressively sang such Korean songs as "I Love Pyongyang" and "Song of Big Hauls in the Sea."

The chorus "DPRK-China Friendship Is Everlasting" beautifully decorated the end of the performance.

A flower basket in the name of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was handed over to the performers.

Kim Jong Un mounted the stage, met leading artistes, warmly congratulated all the performers, who had sung high praises of the ever-blooming DPRK-China friendship through their unique performance, and had a photo taken with them.





Opening Ceremony of Year of DPRK-China Friendship Held







An opening ceremony of the Year of DPRK-China Friendship took place at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre on April 12.

Present at the opening ceremony were Choe Ryong Hae, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, first vice-president of the State Affairs Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly, officials of the Central Committee of the WPK, ministries, and national agencies, officials concerned, working people, youth and students in Pyongyang.

Present there were members of the party and government delegation of the People's Republic of China headed by Zhao Leji, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC, members of the Chinese art troupe, Wang Yajun, Chinese ambassador to the DPRK, and his embassy members and Chinese guests staying in Pyongyang.

When the opening was declared, the national anthems of the DPRK and the PRC were solemnly played.

Choe Ryong Hae, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, made a speech.

Zhao Leji, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the PRC, made a speech.

At the ceremony a joint performance was given by prestigious art troupes of the two countries.

Put on the stage were colourful numbers prepared with sincerity by artistes of the two countries to significantly decorate the opening of the Year of the DPRK-China Friendship.

The performance, overflowing with deep emotion and pleasure and deepening friendship, was acclaimed by the audience.

Flower baskets were conveyed to the performers in congratulation of their successful performance.

Choe Ryong Hae and Zhao Leji mounted the stage to congratulate the artistes on their successful performance and have a photo taken with them.

Day of Sun Celebrated with Splendour



People across the DPRK significantly celebrated the 112th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung.

On the occasion of the greatest national holiday, they paid the noblest tribute to President Kim Il Sung who opened up the most glorious era in the 5 000-year history of the Korean nation with his outstanding ideas and guidance, patriotic devotion.

Officials, working people, service personnel, youth and schoolchildren visited the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, the sacred temple of Juche where President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il are preserved in their lifetime appearance, and their statues across the country to pay homage to them.

An endless stream of visitors flowed to Mangyongdae, the birthplace of President Kim Il Sung, where various kinds of flowers burst out in full bloom.

Looking round the President's native home there, they were fascinated by the personalities of the President who grew up into a great revolutionary, nurturing the idea of believing in the people as in heaven and



high aim for the revolution and traits of his family members who carried forward the spirit of loving their country, nation and people from generation to generation.

On the eve of the April holiday children of orphanages, pupils of primary schools and other children across the country received benevolent gifts sent by the Workers' Party of Korea.

Witnessing their merry and cheerful looks, everybody was moved to tears, feeling gratitude to the Party that regards every manner of toil for the next generations as a pleasure and pride.

A national photo show, national art exhibition, stamp exhibition, national





National photo show



Joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations



Stamp exhibition



National art exhibition



National industrial design exhibition



27th national cooking festival

industrial design exhibition and 27th national cooking festival and joint national meeting of the Korean Children's Union organizations took place in the capital city of Pyongyang.

The venues of photo exhibitions held in provinces (municipalities) were filled with humble reverence for the peerlessly great man.

National flags of the DPRK were hoisted and visual aids displayed at major places in Pyongyang, provincial capitals, seats of cities and counties, institutions, enterprises, factories and farms to rev up the festive atmosphere.

Colourful art performances were given in Pyongyang and provinces.

A women's volleyball game between Pyongyang and Kigwancha teams was held at Pyongyang Indoor Stadium, and sports and amusement games were held in different parts of the country.

Working people, youth and schoolchildren enjoyed themselves at the Central Zoo, the Natural History Museum, the People's Open-air Ice Rink and other recreational facilities.

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Text: Kim Son Gyong

Evening gala of youth and students takes place and fireworks are displayed.















International Seminar on Juche Idea for Independence, Justice and Future of Mankind

An international seminar on the Juche idea for independence, justice and future of mankind took place in Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, on April 14 under the co-sponsorship of the International Institute of the Juche Idea (IIJI) and the Korean Association of Social Scientists (KASS) on the occasion of the 112th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung.

Present there were Kenichi Ogami, secretary general of the IIJI, Matteo Carbonelli, vice director-general of the IIJI, and delegations and delegates of Juche idea study organizations from different countries and regions.

Also attending it were Thae Hyong Chol, president of the Academy of Social Sciences and first vice-chairman of the KASS, and scientists and officials in the field of social sciences.

Kenichi Ogami made an opening address, followed by a congratulatory speech by Thae Hyong Chol.

Matteo Carbonelli delivered a keynote report.

The seminar heard speeches on such themes as "The revolutionary ideas of the great Comrade Kim Jong Un constitute an immortal banner safeguarding independence and justice and guaranteeing a rosy future of humankind," "Juche idea is the guideline that illuminates the future of mankind," "Juche idea that realizes the aspirations of the masses of the people for independence and equality," "The DPRK is a fortress of independence and justice," "Let us build a new world of independence and justice by dint of unity and cooperation," "Independence, justice and future of mankind," "African countries should fight against neo-colonialism with the independent idea as their guideline" and others.

A letter to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was adopted at the seminar amid enthusiastic applause of the participants.

The international seminar on the Juche idea, which was held amid the great expectations and interest of the Juche idea followers of the whole world, served as a significant occasion for strengthening international solidarity among all countries and peoples fighting for independence and justice and for further intensifying the activities for the study and dissemination of the Juche idea.

Participants in the international seminar visited the Tower of the Juche Idea, the National Gifts Exhibition House, the Kangdong Greenhouse Complex, the Korea National Art Museum and other places, enjoyed a concert given by the National Symphony Orchestra, and had a friendship gathering.





Grand Art Festival Praises Great Men

Foreign artistes participating in the 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival stage colourful numbers eulogizing the peerlessly great men who have made tangible contributions to the socialist construction and the independent cause of mankind with their outstanding ideology and leadership and ennobling personalities.

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33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival



















The 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival takes place with splendour in high praise of President Kim Il Sung who performed undying exploits for the implementation of the cause of global independence.



The 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival took place in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, amid the great expectations and interest of the Korean people and progressive mankind of the world.

The April Spring Friendship Art Festival is a grand international art festival in praise of President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) who performed immortal exploits in realizing the cause of global independence.

This year's festival held from April 11 to 25 drew art troupes composed of international and national contest winners and famous artistes from scores of countries and overseas Koreans.

Video recordings of performances given by foreign art troupes and artistes sent via international telecommunications were evaluated and edited distinctively to be broadcast on the Korean Central TV.

Participating organizations sent to the festival over a hundred video recordings of their performances, impressions and so on. Many of them selected songs in praise



Olga Borisovna Lyubimova, minister of Culture of the Russian Federation

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, I welcome the officials of the Organizing Committee of the 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival and participants in the festival.

For several decades, excellent creative teams of different countries around the world have taken part in the festival, and it has become a tradition for the Russian artistes to participate in this festival.

Culture has always played an important role in the relationship between Russia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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I would like to offer my thanks to the DPRK government and the Festival Organizing Committee for inviting the Russian artistes.

I am convinced that performances by the Russian art troupes will remain long in the hearts of the audience and contribute to developing the friendly relations between our two countries.

I hope that you will always live with a pleasant feeling and gain success in your work.

Sun Yeli, minister of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China

Esteemed artistes, comrades and friends from different countries,

I, on behalf of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, extend warm congratulations to you on the opening of the 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival.

Korea and China are neighbours sharing mountains and rivers, and cultural exchanges are an important tie for the development of the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

The April Spring Friendship Art Festival is a grand artistic gathering of the world and an important occasion for strengthening the cultural and artistic exchanges and cooperation between the two countries and for consolidating friendly relations between their peoples.

…

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China, together with the Korean side, will write a new chapter of bilateral friendly relation by developing the traditional friendship, intensifying strategic communications and expanding cooperation and exchanges on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the Year of China-DPRK Friendship.

I wish the 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival a success and hope that friendship between the two countries will last for ever.







Minister of Information, Culture and Tourism of the People's Democratic Republic of Laos

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I'm very pleased and feel it a great honour to be participating in the 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival, which is held in Pyongyang, with an art performance showing the unique national customs of Laos on behalf of the government and the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism of Laos.

I am convinced that the festival will contribute to the introduction of the excellent culture and national customs of the DPRK to the whole world and to the development of the traditional friendly and cooperative relations between Laos and the DPRK.

This year is a year of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the People's Democratic Republic of Laos and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Availing myself of this honourable opportunity, I hope that the friendly and cooperative relations and the relationship of cooperation between the cultural institutes of the two countries in particular will steadily develop.

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Last, I wish the 33rd April Spring Friendship Art Festival great success.















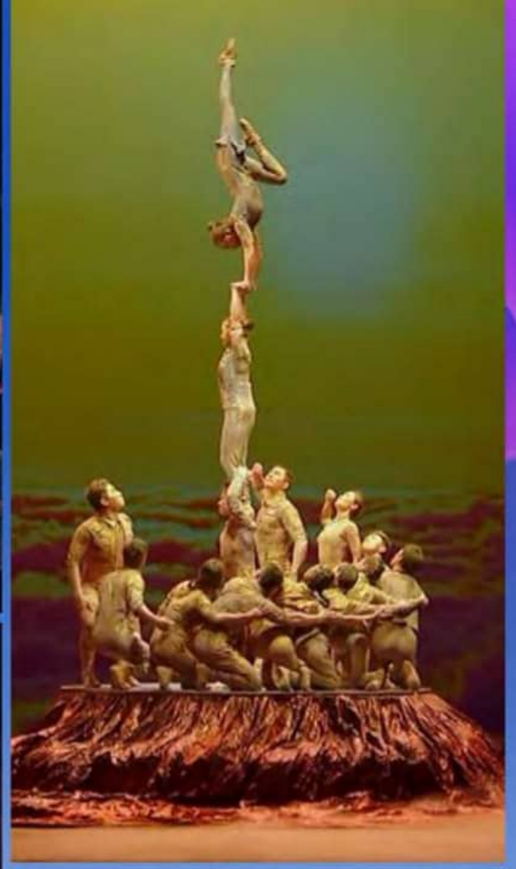
















of President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un for their performance and directed great efforts to their portrayal.

Russia sent to the festival the video recordings of performance prepared by its 20-odd art groups, and China those of performance by an art organization composed of the National Symphony Orchestra and Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe. The Mongolian Military Song and Dance Academic Ensemble that had taken part in the festival several times previously sent its performance in the form of video recording.

Many other countries in Asia, Europe and the Americas including Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos and Austria sent to the Festival Organizing Committee of the video recordings of artistic performances they prepared with sincerity.

There were individual, group and general performances.

Participants in the festival showed in their performances the reverence for President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il and the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who have performed great exploits for independence and peace of the world and contributed to strengthening friendship and unity, exchange and cooperation between countries.











A national meeting takes place at Kim Il Sung Stadium to mark the 134th May Day.

On Occasion of May Day, International Holiday of Working People

All the people across the DPRK celebrated significantly May Day, the international holiday of the working people all across the world.

A national meeting was held at Kim Il Sung Stadium in Pyongyang, the capital city of the DPRK, on May 1 to mark the 134th May Day.

Present there were senior officials of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government of the DPRK, officials of the DPRK Cabinet, ministries, national agencies and industrial establishments in Pyongyang, labour innovators and other working people.

Kim Tok Hun, premier of the Cabinet, made a report at the national meeting.

The premier called on all the working people in the DPRK to more dynamically struggle for the beloved country, for the future of a more powerful, more beautiful and civilized country and for the great victory of the socialist cause of the DPRK.

After the national meeting the final matches of the Sports Contest of Workers in Major Industrial Sectors-2024 took place at Kim Il Sung Stadium.







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Senior officials of the Party and the government visit factories, enterprises and other places to congratulate the working people on their holiday.

The final match of the men's football between the teams of the chemical industry sector and the land and maritime transport sector and other colourful sports and amusement games were held, revving up the festive mood.

That day the working people all across the DPRK celebrated the holiday.

Senior officials of the Party and the government visited factories, enterprises and other places across the country to congratulate the working people on their holiday.

The working people swelled with a sense of pride and dignity in leading a worthwhile life under the leadership of the WPK and renewed their determination to devote themselves to bringing earlier a brighter future.

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Colourful performances are given at theatres in the capital city of Pyongyang and other parts of the country, and people enjoy themselves on the holiday.







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